RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR
(*Diwan Peishkar*).

Arrangements were made to close the breaches and to put up a strong protective bund with a view to prevent further erosion and the ingress of salt water into the low-lying areas.

Extent of land destroyed by erosion of the Sea at Edavanakkad.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI (*Narakkal*).

30. Will the Government be pleased to state the acreage of land utterly destroyed or ruined by the erosion of the sea at Edavanakkad?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR
(*Diwan Peishkar*).

The extent of the eroded lands is 97·50 acres approximately. The area of lands affected by ingress of salt water through the breach is 693 acres and 98 cents.

Remission of tax on the lands.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI (*Narakkal*).

31. (a) In response to appeals from the people has the Government made any remission of tax on the lands referred to in the above question?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of coercive steps taken to obtain the land revenue from these lands?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR
(*Diwan Peishkar*).

(a) Government have remitted the assessment due on all paddy lands in the affected area and did not consider it necessary to grant remission of assessment for gardens.

(b) A statement furnished by the Tahsildar of the Taluk is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix* I.) The figures in columns 1 to 6 of the statement relate to the action taken for collecting the demand of the whole village and not of the affected area alone.

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